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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/762513
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	First Named Inventor	Harald Bonsel
	Art Unit	1746
	Examiner Name	Gentle E. Winter
	Attorney Docket No.	08577-00025-US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other _____
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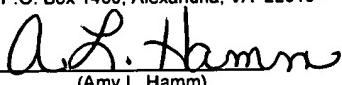
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For: FUEL CELL WITH IMPROVED LONG-
TERM PERFORMANCE, METHOD FOR
OPERATING A PME FUEL CELL AND PME
FUEL CELL BATTERY

Examiner: G. E. Winter

AMENDMENT

MS RCE
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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 12, 2004, kindly amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this response.